

Independence Town Council Minutes

January 13, 2014

Wasatch County Library/Senior Center, 465 E. 1200 S. Music Room, Heber, UT

1. Mayor Sweat called the meeting to order at 7:00. Councilmembers Sabey, Ryan, Heaton, Duke and Laird were present.
2. Jeff Laird led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Gary Ryan led the prayer.
4. The Council reviewed draft minutes from December 9, 2014. Councilmember Sabey moved to approve the draft minutes. Councilmember Duke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Council considered Resolution 2015-001 Scheduling Resolution. Council discussed whether the second Tuesday of the month was still the best day of the month to meet and concluded that it was still appropriate. Councilmember Duke moved to approve Resolution 2015-001. Councilmember Heaton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Councilmember Duke asked if the Council should transition from paper Council packets to paperless. After a brief discussion in support of the concept, council tasked Ms. Hoffman with the responsibility to present tablet options at the next meeting.
7. Council unanimously confirmed Councilmember Duke as Mayor Pro Tem.
8. Development update: Ms. Hoffman updated the Council on her recent meetings with potential buyers within Independence. Councilmember Duke reported that property owners to the north had inquired about annexing into Independence after having difficulties developing in the County.
9. Councilmember Ryan expressed appreciation that the County has finally acknowledged that the work it completed and charged the City for on Center Creek Road, was actually a County responsibility. He acknowledged the work of Mayor Sweat in resolving the issue. Council also expressed appreciation for the snow plowing work the County performs for the town.
10. Ms. Hoffman gave a brief update on the progress of negotiations for Transportation Funding as the legislature prepares to convene. Councilmember Heaton asked for additional clarification: Would the .25 cent sales tax replace the current gas tax? Ms. Hoffman stated that she did not believe the sales tax would be sufficient to replace the gas tax. The discussions have involved an additional 5 cent in gas tax.

11. Councilmember Duke mentioned that Duke Lane was cracking at the edges and we will need to trim overhanging trees this year.

12. Councilmember Duke moved to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dated this 14th day of April 2015.

Phil Sweat, Mayor

Attest:

Jodi Hoffman, Acting Town Clerk